



Narberth Presbyterian Church

December 29, 2024

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude	<i>Triptych on Forest Green</i> Jinhee Shim, organ, Pam Fleming, violin	<i>Hildebrand</i>
Welcome		Pastor Debbie
Call to Worship	Exodus 3:1-6a	Jan Kennedy
*Hymn #174	<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i>	<i>Regent Square</i>
Scripture Reading	1 Kings 19:11,12	Claire Woods

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, you have promised never to leave us alone, whatever life may hold, and you are always speaking to us. We get so distracted by life, and especially by our fears, that we forget that you are here. We go through our busy days, listening more to ourselves than you. And we miss your best. We miss you. Forgive us, merciful God, and remind us, through scripture, other people, and prayer, to listen for you in this in-between time, and fill us with your Spirit, so that we may receive and live in the best you offer, to all who will take the time to meet with you. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

***The Peace**

Since we have peace with God through the Lord Jesus, let's share that peace with each other: The peace of the Lord be with you!

And also with you.

Worship Songs	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i> <i>Good Good Father</i> NPC Worship Band
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Children & Youth dismissed to Sunday School

Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Debbie
Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>A Christmas Pastoral</i>	<i>Callahan</i>
	Pam Fleming, violin, Jinhee Shim, organ	
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication		
Scripture Reading	John 20:11-16	Isabel Lally
	Acts 16:25-33	Lalitha Naveen
Message	God In the Commas of Life	Pastor Debbie
Hymn #170	<i>It Came upon the Midnight Clear</i>	<i>Carol</i>
Benediction		Pastor Debbie
Postlude	<i>Joy to the World</i>	
	Jinhee Shim, organ	
Prayer Ministry		Isabel Lally

Prayer Retreat: The season of Winter offers beauty.... falling snow, the warmth of a fire.....and an invitation for reflection and quiet contemplation. Please mark your calendars for our next Silent Retreat....” Growing in awareness of God”. This time will enable you to recognize and focus on the variety of ways in which you can notice and experience the presence of God in your life. It will be held Monday, February 3rd from 9:30am – 2:30pm at St Raphaela Retreat Center in Bryn Mawr. The cost is \$25 (you may pay cash or by check to “NPC”) and includes both breakfast and lunch. Please contact Heather Gallagher at 610-416-3607 or Heatherkevin@comcast.net to register and to ask any questions. Registration deadline is January 26th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Basketball Clinic! It's that time of year again for Saturday morning (8:30 – 9:30am) kids basketball clinic at Narberth Presbyterian Church (NPC). This is best for 1st through 5th grade and is at no cost. January 11th through March 12th! All are welcome! Please register by emailing Danielle or Rich Toner (rich.toner@gmail.com).

Regular Wednesday Night Programming has ended for 2024. We will resume on Wednesday, January 15th. Stay tuned for more details!

Notes from Justice & Mercy: Loving Our Neighbors – Ridge Avenue. Thanks to generous donations from our church family and beyond, Jyrki Matilla and Jennifer Bonovitz had the joy of giving out 30 turkeys along with other Thanksgiving food, on Saturday, November 23rd in the neighborhood along Ridge Avenue. We hope to be able to do a Christmas food giveaway on Saturday, December 21st. We would also like to bring gifts of new toys for parents to give their children on Christmas Day. The children range in age from infants to adolescents. Gift certificates would be most welcome. Winter clothing donations have been coming in steadily. The gratitude of the Ridge Avenue families was overwhelming. We continue to send clothing to Kensington via Project Home outreach workers. Please thank God for his provision from many sources and pray that hearts would be receptive to the love Jennifer and many share in their giving. For more information, please text Jennifer at 484-802-2773.

Overeaters Anonymous. This is a support group for people who are struggling with their eating and want a caring group to support them in getting their eating and weight “right.” The group meets on **Monday evenings at 8:00pm** in the Pastor’s office both in person and via Zoom. New members are welcome; reach out to Eric (610-742-8196) with questions or to get the Zoom link.

Dr. Janet Moore is a licensed psychologist with over 30 years of therapeutic expertise. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Bible from Philadelphia College of Bible and a master’s degree in theology from Denver Seminary. With an understanding of spirituality and faith in clients’ lives, she is able to provide spiritually integrated psychotherapy. Janet offers counseling to adults and couples experiencing such struggles as depression and anxiety, relationship issues, life crisis, grief and personal adjustment problems. She provides compassionate help to survivors of physical, emotional, sexual, and spiritual abuse. Contact Dr. Moore at 610-664-4880 Ext 121, 484-686-6630, or jlmpsy910@gmail.com.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

NPC Staff This week, please pray for our church staff who work hard everyday to serve the Lord and the NPC community. Let's thank the Lord for all of them, and pray that they, too, will receive energy, enthusiasm, and joy, as they share God's love with people of all ages, with imagination and love. For a full list of church staff, see page 8 of the bulletin.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

TODAY is Pajama Sunday! Sunday! – Children are encouraged to wear their favorite pajamas to church. During Sunday School we will enjoy a favorite Christmas movie and popcorn.

Communion & Baptism Class this January – Communion and Baptism are essential and precious parts of worshipping as the church body. This class is designed to meet children right where they are and it is best for older elementary students (3rd – 5th). This class will run January 12, 19, 26 and children are “Welcomed to the Lord’s Table” on Sunday, February 2. Please register your child by emailing Danielle.

MLK Day of Service Opportunity Monday, January 20th – This year our NPC Preschool and NPC Children’s Ministries are partnering to bring “A Day ON not OFF” to honor this National Day of Service. Please RSVP your family or child to Danielle. Older elementary students (3rd – 4th) may attend alone. We plan to meet in the gym 10:30 – 11:30am.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

TODAY ALL Youth (6th – 12th) are encouraged to attend Sunday School. We will be watching and discussing Pastor Mark's sermon from the 15th.

RSVP for Lazer Tag at Arnolds Family Fun Center on Sunday, January 12th! We will meet in the Youth Room for pizza and drive to Oaks for a start time of Lazer Tag by 1:00pm. **Please bring \$15 and RSVP by Friday, January 10th. Don't forget to invite a friend!**

Youth at the Parkway! We have rescheduled our opportunity for youth to help make and take meals to the Parkway for **Sunday, January 19th. ALL Youth (6th – 12th)** are encouraged to help make meals during Sunday School and then help drop them off following Sunday Service. If you would like to help drop off, please let Claire know by Friday, January 17th.

Youth Serve on MLK Day-Monday, January 20th Join your friends for a time of service to those around you! We will be serving with **Grands Stepping Up: A ministry run out of Bethany Presbyterian Church.** We will serve by restocking the shelves and giving recipients donations and premade meals. Before this day we will collect donations of nonperishable foods, baby supplies, personal care items, and household cleaning items to take with us! Specific times for serving will be announced soon.

2024 MISSIONARY CAUSES

Mission

4D Ministries – Hank Paulson
Amnion Pregnancy Center
Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. – N. Ireland
Chosen People Ministries– Paul Cruz
Cornerstone Christian Academy
CRU City – Brindleys (Unite Philly)
CRU International–Leah Darwin
Development Associates International
Disciple Makers – Rebecca and Dan Hall
ECO Church Planting and Global Missions Funds
Esperanza Health Center
Fellowship of Christian Athletes – Kasey Dougherty
Global Horizons – Cephas Tushima
Habitat for Humanity –N. Central Philadelphia
House of His Creation
InterAct Ministries – Dan & Bev Mayerle
Interserve-USA – Jan Kennedy
Kingdom Connect – Ben Duffy
Neighborhood Crusades Inc.
New Horizons/Amoenitas – Scott Todd
Olney Christian School
Presby's Inspired Life (Human Good)
Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International
Rancho Del Rey
REAP Granada-Scott Esposito
Redeemed For A Cause Outreach – Sakinah Love
Save a Life – Nadia Gordynsky
Servant Partners – Dan & Denise Anderson
The Antioch Partners – Haugens
The Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota (Standing Rock)
The Philadelphia Project – Rev. Ray Garcia
The Welcome Church – Schaunel Steinnagel
United World Mission – Nick & Ginny Woodbury
World Link – Jack Nelson
Wycliffe Bible Translators – Al & Barb Shannon
Young Life (Western Philadelphia Suburbs)

Ambassador

Open
Alice Antonelli
Danielle Kauffman
Jennifer & Tim Roykouff
Joyce Lewis
Tom & Alyson Burnett
Kathy McLean
David Fraser
Bob Moore
Open
Julie Fernandez
Ashley Reed
Scott Todd
Linda Behmke
JoAnne Kaplan
Marilyn Reed
Jesse Kennedy
Ken & Sally Kapner
Marilyn Reed
Marilyn Reed
Ann Sattel
Open
Open
Open
Charlie Choi
Sally Kapner
Faithe Hornung
Faithe Hornung
Open
Ashley Reed
Dave Bellamy
Jane Murray
Open
Rob & Sandi Wray
Kim Ishmael
Open

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, December 29

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream

Monday, December 30

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

Tuesday, December 31

Wednesday, January 1

New Year's Day

Holiday – Church Office Closed

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Thursday, January 2

Friday, January 3

Saturday, January 4

Sunday, January 5

1st Sunday of Advent

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream

Each Week

Christian Preschool – 610-664-8890 x118

2, 3 & 5 Day Programs 9:00am to 12 noon & 12 noon to 3:00pm Extended Day Program, Sept.-May

AA meets 12:30pm, Monday–Saturday & Sunday at 4:30pm

Counseling: Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: ilmpsy910@gmail.com

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Claire Woods, Director of Youth Ministry

Sharon Shallow, Nursery Coordinator

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Sarah Comstock, Worship Band Leader

Linda Pilacik, Minister of Music

Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator

Tim Roykouff, Business Administrator

Sara Mahoney, Administrative Assistant

Hugh Barrie, Assistant Property Manager

Joyce B. Nicolai, Bookkeeper

Ruth Ellen Patterson, Financial Secretary

Isabel Lally, Pastoral Visitor

Virginia Davis, Director of Preschool

Chris Marinelli, Weekday Custodian

Larry Lubchuk, Weekend Custodian



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